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### 2011 June Crop Acreage

All wheat seeded acreage in Montana is estimated to be 5.78 million acres, up 340,000 acres from last year. Spring wheat producers seeded an estimated 3.0 million acres, up 150,000 acres from last year, and up 200,000 acres from March intentions. Acres intended for harvest, at 2.90 million, are up 170,000 acres from the previous year. The spring wheat crop condition for the week ending June 26 was rated 7 percent excellent, 49 percent good, 39 percent fair, 3 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor. Spring wheat crop progress is behind last year and the 5-year average. Ten percent of the spring wheat crop has reached the boot stage. Winter wheat seeded acreage is unchanged from the March 1 estimate, but up 250,000 acres from last year to 2.3 million acres. Producers expect to harvest 2.15 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 200,000 acres from last year. The condition of the winter wheat crop is rated 13 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 29 percent fair, 9 percent poor and 2 percent very poor for the week ending June 26. The winter wheat crop development is behind last year and the 5-year average with 82 percent in the boot stage and 44 percent headed. Durum wheat seeded acreage, at 480,000 acres, is down 60,000 acres from a year ago, and down 30,000 acres from the March intended plantings. Durum wheat area intended for harvest is estimated at 470,000 acres, down 60,000 acres from last year.

Montana barley growers seeded an estimated 780,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from last year, and up 10,000 acres from March intentions. Barley growers intend to harvest 680,000 acres for grain this year, which is 60,000 acres above the previous year. Planted acreage for oats, at 50,000 acres, is 15,000 acres below 2010, and 5,000 acres below March intentions, and if realized this would be the lowest planted acreage on record. Growers intend to harvest 20,000

acres for grain, down 7,000 acres from a year ago.

Hay producers in Montana expect to harvest an estimated 2.75 million acres of all hay, 100,000 acres below last year. Of the total hay expected for harvest, 1.95 million acres are expected to be alfalfa hay, which is unchanged from last year's record high. Producers expect to harvest 800,000 acres of other hay, which is down 100,000 acres from a year ago.

Montana corn growers planted an estimated 75,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from a year ago, but up 5,000 acres from the March 1 intentions. Acreage intended for harvest as grain, at 36,000 acres, is up 2,000 acres from last year. Sugar beet producers planted an estimated 44,800 acres, up 2,200 acres from 2010, but down 1,100 acres from March intentions. Producers intend to harvest 44,700 acres, up 2,200 acres from 2010.

Farmers in Montana planted an estimated 18,000 acres of dry beans in 2011, down 800 acres from last year and down 9,000 acres from March intentions. Producers expect to harvest 16,000 acres of dry beans this year, 1,700 acres below a year ago.

Flaxseed growers in Montana planted an estimated 21,000 acres this year, up 6,000 from last year's acreage but down 1,000 acres from March 1 intentions. Producers intend to harvest 20,000 acres of flaxseed this year, up 5,000 acres from last year. Canola growers in Montana planted an estimated 38,000 acres this year, up 20,500 from last year's acreage, and up 13,000 acres from March 1 intentions. Producers intend to harvest 37,000 acres this year, up 19,600 acres from last year. Safflower growers in Montana planted an estimated 13,000 acres this year, down 15,000 from last year's acreage. Producers intend to harvest 12,500 acres this year, down 14,500 acres from last year.

All wheat planted area in the United States is estimated at 56.4 million acres, up 5 percent from 2010. The 2011 winter wheat planted area, at 41.1 million acres, is up 10 percent from last year. The 2011 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 41.1 million acres, up 10 percent from 2010 but down slightly from the previous

estimate. Acreage is up from last year across most of the Soft Red winter area due to the early row crop harvest last fall and higher prices. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 32.3 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2011 is estimated at 13.6 million acres, down 1 percent from 2010. Of the total, about 12.9 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Grain area is expected to total 13.2 million acres, 1 percent below 2010. Durum wheat planted area is estimated at 1.70 million acres, down 34 percent from 2010. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 1.65 million acres, 35 percent below 2010.

Barley producers seeded 2.82 million acres in the U.S. for the 2011 crop year, down 2 percent from the previous year and the lowest seeded area on record. Harvested area, forecasted at 2.48 million acres, is up fractionally from 2010, but if realized, will be the second lowest since 1883.

Acreage seeded to oats for the 2011 crop year totaled 2.59 million acres, down 18 percent from the previous year and the lowest total on record. Growers expect to harvest 934,000 acres, down 26 percent from 2010 and a record low.

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2011 is estimated at 92.3 million acres, up 5 percent from last year, and the second highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944, behind only the 93.5 million acres planted in 2007. Growers expect to harvest 84.9 million acres for grain, up 4 percent from last year.

Area planted to sugar beets for the 2011 crop year is expected to total 1.24 million acres, up 6 percent from the 1.17 million acres planted in 2010. Harvested area is forecast at 1.20 million acres, up 4 percent from 2010.

U.S. hay producers intend to harvest 57.6 million acres of all hay in 2011, down 4 percent from 2010. Expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 19.3 million acres, is down 3 percent from 2010. Expected area for harvest for all other types of hay totals 38.3 million acres, down 4 percent from 2010. (continued on next page)

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U.S. dry bean planted area is forecast at 1.26 million acres for 2011, down 34 percent from 2010. Harvested area is forecast at 1.21 million acres, 34 percent below the previous year.

Canola producers planted 1.14 million acres in 2011, down 21 percent from 2010. The harvested area forecast for the Nation is 1.12 million acres, down 22 percent from last year. Area planted to flaxseed in 2011 is estimated at 229,000 acres, down 192,000 acres or 46 percent less than was planted in 2010. This represents the lowest acreage in the United States since 1997

when 151,000 acres were planted. Area for harvest is forecast at 224,000 acres, down 194,000 acres from 2010.

Planted area of safflower decreased 21 percent from 2010, to 137,500 acres in 2011. This is the lowest planted area for the Nation since records began in 1991. Area for harvest is forecast at 131,500 acres, down 22 percent from last year. Planted area of mustard seed is estimated at 26,000 acres, down 24,500 acres from 2010, and the lowest since 1996. Mustard seed area for harvest is forecast at 24,800 acres, down 23,300 acres from the previous year.

In July, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will collect

updated information on 2011 acres planted to Durum and other spring wheat in Montana. NASS previously collected planted acreage information during the first two weeks of June, with the results published in the June 30 Acreage report. At the time of the survey, a large percentage of acres remained to be planted. To better assess planted acreage, NASS will resurvey the growers in July. If the newly collected data justifies any changes, NASS will publish updated estimates in the Crop Production report, to be released at 8:30 a.m. EDT on Thursday, August 11. It will be available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

**June 1, 2011 Crop Acreage: Montana and U.S.**

Crop	Planted		Harvested	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Montana	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres	
Winter Wheat	2,050.0	2,300.0	1,950.0	2,150.0
Durum Wheat	540.0	480.0	530.0	470.0
Spring Wheat	2,850.0	3,000.0	2,730.0	2,900.0
All Wheat	5,440.0	5,780.0	5,210.0	5,520.0
Barley	760.0	780.0	620.0	680.0
Oats	65.0	50.0	27.0	20.0
Corn for Grain 1/	80.0	75.0	34.0	36.0
Sugar Beets	42.6	44.8	42.5	44.7
Dry Beans	18.8	18.0	17.7	16.0
Canola	17.5	38.0	17.4	37.0
Flaxseed	15.0	21.0	15.0	20.0
Safflower	28.0	13.0	27.0	12.5
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	1,950.0	1,950.0
All Other Hay	--	--	900.0	800.0
All Hay	--	--	2,850.0	2,750.0
United States	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres	
Winter Wheat	37,335.0	41,108.0	31,749.0	32,307.0
Durum Wheat	2,570.0	1,698.0	2,529.0	1,647.0
Spring Wheat	13,698.0	13,627.0	13,359.0	13,220.0
All Wheat	53,603.0	56,433.0	47,637.0	47,174.0
Barley	2,872.0	2,815.0	2,465.0	2,480.0
Oats	3,138.0	2,587.0	1,263.0	934.0
Corn for Grain 1/	88,192.0	92,282.0	81,446.0	84,888.0
Sugar Beets	1,171.4	1,237.5	1,155.7	1,196.9
Dry Beans	1,911.4	1,258.0	1,842.7	1,207.2
Canola	1,448.8	1,142.8	1,431.0	1,121.4
Flaxseed	421.0	229.0	418.0	224.0
Mustard	50.5	26.0	48.1	24.8
Safflower	175.0	137.5	167.7	131.5
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	19,956.0	19,329.0
All Other Hay	--	--	39,906.0	38,276.0
All Hay	--	--	59,862.0	57,605.0

All wheat stocks in Montana on June 1, 2011 were 49.8 million bushels, down 8 percent from a year ago. All wheat stocks stored on the farm amounted to 36.0 million bushels, down 3 percent from a year ago. All wheat stored off-farm totaled 13.8 million bushels, down 20 percent from a year ago. All wheat disappearance for the March - May 2011 quarter was 56.5 million bushels, up 48 percent from 38.1 million bushels last year. Durum wheat stocks totaled 6.6 million bushels on June 1, 2011 with 5.5 million bushels stored on-farm and 1.1 million bushels stored off-farm.

Montana barley stocks in all positions on June 1, 2011 were 16.8 million bushels, down 11 percent from a year ago. Barley stored on-farm totaled 6.5 million bushels, down 19 percent from the previous year. Off-farm stocks of barley, at 10.3 million bushels, were down 5 percent from last year. Barley disappearance for the March - May 2011 quarter, at 13.0 million bushels, was up 44 percent from last year's 9.0 million bushels.

All oats stocks in Montana totaled 702,000 bushels, up 40 percent from last

year. On-farm oat stocks were 650,000 bushels, up 44 percent from a year ago, and oats stored off-farm were up 2 percent from last year to 52,000 bushels.

In the United States, all wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2011 totaled 861 million bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 131 million bushels, down 38 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 730 million bushels, are down 5 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2011 indicated disappearance is 565 million bushels, up 48 percent from the same period a year earlier.

U.S. durum wheat stocks in all positions on June 1, 2011 totaled 35.2 million bushels, up 2 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 22.1 million bushels, are down 8 percent from June 1, 2010. Off-farm stocks totaled 13.1 million bushels, up 22 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2011 indicated disappearance of 21.2 million bushels is up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Barley stocks in all positions in the U.S. on June 1, 2011 totaled 89.4 million bushels, down 23 percent from June 1, 2010. On-farm stocks are estimated at

26.0 million bushels, 36 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 63.3 million bushels, are 16 percent below June 1, 2010. The March - May 2011 indicated disappearance is 48.8 million bushels, 17 percent above the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions in the U.S. on June 1, 2011 totaled 67.6 million bushels, 16 percent below the stocks on June 1, 2010. Of the total stocks on hand, 14.6 million bushels are stored on farms, 17 percent lower than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 53.0 million bushels, 15 percent below the previous year. Indicated disappearance during March - May 2011 totaled 18.7 million bushels, compared with 17.7 million bushels during the same period a year ago.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2011 totaled 3.67 billion bushels, down 15 percent from June 1, 2010. Of the total stocks, 1.68 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 21 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.99 billion bushels, are down 9 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2011 indicated disappearance is 2.85 billion bushels, compared with 3.38 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Grain and Position	MONTANA				UNITED STATES		
	Jun 1, 2010	Mar 1, 2011	Jun 1, 2011	'11/'10	Jun 1, 2010	Mar 1, 2011	Jun 1, 2011
	Thousand Bushels			Percent	Thousand Bushels		
ALL WHEAT							
On Farms	37,000	81,000	36,000	97	209,900	288,010	130,915
Off Farms 1/	17,354	25,270	13,819	80	765,737	1,137,292	729,866
TOTAL	54,354	106,270	49,819	92	975,637	1,425,302	860,781
DURUM WHEAT							
On Farms	7,000	9,000	5,500	79	23,900	35,700	22,100
Off Farms 1/	875	1,693	1,143	131	10,749	20,720	13,082
TOTAL	7,875	10,693	6,643	84	34,649	56,420	35,182
BARLEY							
On Farms	8,000	17,000	6,500	81	40,440	57,700	26,040
Off Farms 1/	10,894	12,768	10,310	95	75,059	80,424	63,318
TOTAL	18,894	29,768	16,810	89	115,499	138,124	89,358
OATS							
On Farms	450	1,200	650	144	17,600	26,950	14,580
Off Farms 1/	51	66	52	102	62,716	59,361	53,025
TOTAL	501	1,266	702	140	80,316	86,311	67,605
CORN							
On Farms	--	--	--	--	2,131,400	3,384,000	1,681,500
Off Farms 1/	--	--	--	--	2,178,671	3,139,228	1,988,654
TOTAL	--	--	--	--	4,310,071	6,523,228	3,670,154

1/ Terminals, mills, interior elevators. -- Not published in order to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## May Ag Prices Received

May 2011 full month crop prices were mixed when compared with April 2011 Montana's winter wheat price was \$7.32 per bushel, up \$0.44 from April, spring wheat was up \$0.21 to \$8.23 per bushel, durum wheat decreased \$0.03 to \$8.56 per bushel, feed barley was down \$0.04 to \$4.47 per bushel, and malt barley was down \$0.29 to \$4.12 per bushel.

The mid-June price for alfalfa hay increased \$9.00 to \$94.00 per ton and all other hay rose \$5.00 to \$85.00 per ton. Mid-June grain prices were mostly higher when compared with May. The winter wheat price was \$7.50 per bushel, spring wheat was \$10.00 per bushel, durum wheat was \$10.20 per bushel, feed barley was \$5.09 per bushel, and malt barley was \$4.05 per bushel.

The all milk price was \$20.90 per cwt in mid-June 2011, compared with

\$20.20 per cwt in May and \$15.30 per cwt for May 2010.

Nationally, prices for May and changes from April were as follows: winter wheat was \$7.80 per bushel, up \$0.43, spring wheat was \$8.85 per bushel, up \$0.18, durum wheat was \$7.86 per bushel, down \$0.74, all feed barley was \$4.61 per bushel, down \$0.28, malt barley was \$4.04 per bushel, down \$0.18, oats were \$3.55 per bushel, up \$0.01, steers and heifers were \$115.00 per cwt, down \$7.00, cows were \$78.20 per cwt, down \$0.70, beef cattle were \$112.00 per cwt, down \$7.00, calves were \$137.00, down \$10.00 per cwt, sheep were \$55.40 per cwt, down \$13.40, lambs were \$181.00 per cwt, unchanged, and all milk was \$19.60 per cwt, unchanged.

The U.S. mid-June price for winter wheat was \$7.35 per bushel, spring wheat was \$9.84 per bushel, durum wheat was \$9.96 per bushel, oats were \$3.51 per bushel, malt barley was \$5.15

per bushel, feed barley was \$5.01 per bushel, alfalfa hay was \$180.00 per ton, all other hay was \$113.00 per ton, steers and heifers were \$108.00 per cwt, cows were \$77.20 per cwt, calves were \$129.00 per cwt, and all milk was \$21.00 per cwt.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 181 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 7 points (4.0 percent) from May. The Crop Index is up 12 points (6.0 percent) but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher prices for milk, corn, and broccoli, and lower prices for cattle, lettuce, wheat, and strawberries. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, hay, grapes, and peaches offset decreased marketings of corn, cattle, oranges, and milk.

## Montana Average Farm Prices Received

Commodity	UNIT	Monthly Average				Change from Previous		Mid-Month Avg	
		Montana			U.S.	Month	Year	Montana	U.S.
		May 2010	Apr 2011	May 2011	May 2011	Apr 2011	May 2010	15-June-11	15-June-11
		Dollars							
Winter Wheat	Bu	4.37	6.88	7.32	7.80	+0.44	+2.95	7.50	7.35
Durum Wheat	Bu	4.46	8.59	8.56	7.86	-0.03	+4.10	10.20	9.96
Spring Wheat	Bu	5.47	8.02	8.23	8.85	+0.21	+2.76	10.00	9.84
All Wheat	Bu	4.71	7.48	7.86	8.16	+0.38	+3.15	8.96	7.85
All Barley	Bu	4.86	4.42	4.17	4.15	-0.25	-0.69	4.21	5.11
Feed Barley	Bu	2.52	4.51	4.47	4.61	-0.04	+1.95	5.09	5.01
Malt Barley	Bu	4.95	4.41	4.12	4.04	-0.29	-0.83	4.05	5.15
Oats	Bu	2.39	na	na	3.55	0.0	0.0	na	3.51
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	93.00	80.00	85.00	186.00	+5.00	-8.00	94.00	180.00
All Other Hay	Ton	74.00	75.00	80.00	112.00	+5.00	+6.00	85.00	113.00
All Hay Baled	Ton	87.00	79.00	84.00	169.00	+5.00	-3.00	93.00	163.00
All Milk	Cwt	15.30	20.20	20.20	19.60	0.0	+4.90	20.90	21.00

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## COMING IN THE NEXT REPORTER

Annual Sweet Cherry Production      Lentil Acreage  
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